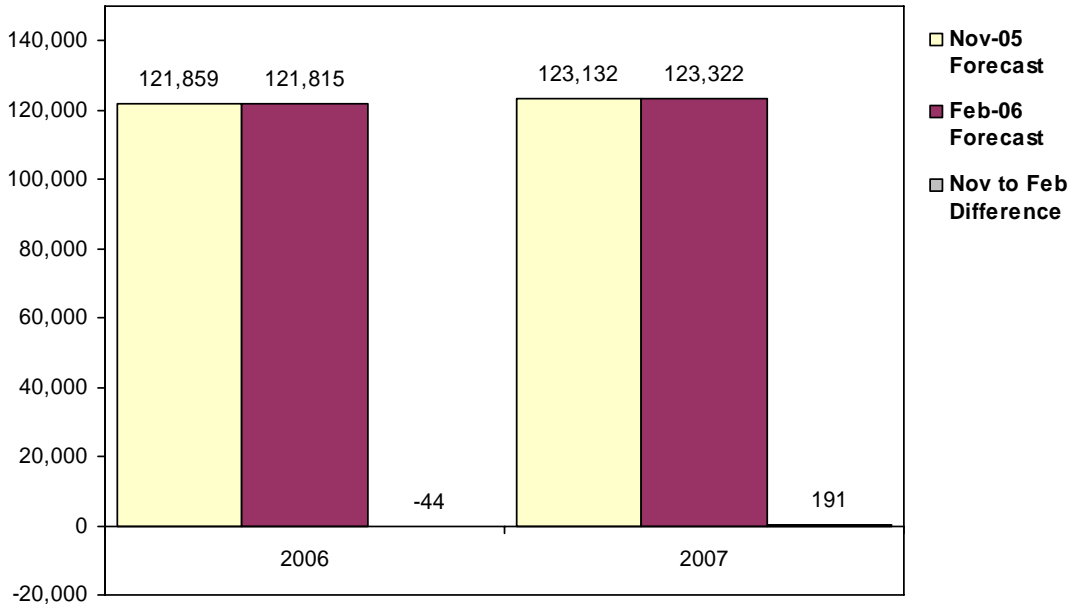


# K-12 Special Education

Caseload Forecast Council  
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## Special Education Enrollment (HC) (Age 0-2 and Funded Age 3-21)



### Forecast Comparisons (School Year Averages)

School Year	Nov-05 Forecast	Feb-06 Forecast	Nov to Feb Difference	Percent Difference
2005-06	121,859	121,815	-44	0.0%
2006-07	123,132	123,322	191	0.2%

The Special Education forecast consists of two programs: the Age 0-2 Infant and Toddler program and (funded) Age 3-21 school-based Special Education. Enrollment is forecast as an eight month (October-May) average funded headcount.

- The Age 0-2 program is a voluntary program for developmentally delayed infants and toddlers. Not all school districts participate in this program. Districts participating in the program may provide services through the district or, in some cases, through subcontracts to community agencies.
- The Age 3-21 program is offered through the state's individual school districts. Basic state funding is indexed to 12.7 percent of each district's total K-12 enrollment. Districts with exceptional needs can apply to the state for additional "safety net" funding.

### Tracking the Current Forecast

	Nov-05 Forecast*	Actual*	Variance	Percent Variance
Sep-05	117,411	117,748	337	0.3%
Oct-05	122,468	122,587	119	0.1%
Nov-05	123,954	123,996	42	0.0%
Dec-05	126,353	126,666	313	0.2%
Jan-06	126,328	126,506	178	0.1%

\*Reported Age 0-21

- The February forecast estimate for current school year Special Education enrollment is 44 students below the November forecast estimate. This reflects a slightly lower than expected Special Education enrollment through January.
- Overall, "Funded" Special Education enrollment is expected to grow slightly faster than forecasted growth in overall K-12 enrollment. The Age 3-21 component is growing at about the same rate as K12, reflecting the fact that most districts are at or close to the basic funding index of 12.7% of district enrollment. The optional Special Education Age 0-2 program is growing as additional districts opt into the program.

### Special Education Average Annual Funded Caseload Change

School Year*	Caseload Change**	Percent Change	
2001-2002	1,810	1.6%	Actual
2002-2003	754	0.6%	
2003-2004	615	0.5%	
2004-2005	798	0.7%	
2005-2006	1,130	0.9%	Forecast
2006-2007	1,507	1.2%	

\* Change from prior year

\*\*Note: state funded age 0-21